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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$3,300,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF } \$10,000,000.
PROFIT

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED,
On Current Account at the rate of 2
per cent. per annum on the daily balance
up to \$200,000.
On Fixed Deposits:
For 6 months 3½ per cent. per annum.
12 " 4 " up to \$200,000.
12 " 4 " in excess of \$200,000.
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
THE business of the above Bank is con-
ducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-
TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-
plication.
INTEREST on deposit is allowed at
3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors
may transfer at their option balances of
\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on
FIXED DEPOSIT at 4½ PER CENT. per
annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1892. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$800,000.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
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PARE'S BANKING CO. AND THE ALLIANCE
BANK (LTD.)

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND,
Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.

SHANGHAI—C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.

Amoy—J. ANDERSON, Manager,
With Sub-Branch at Foochow.

Current Accounts opened. Money re-
turned on Deposit. Bills drawn on
securities or goods in neutral ports.
Local Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months fixed 5½,
do. 6 do. do. 4½
do. 3 do. do. 3½
Current Accounts 2½.

For rates of Account for other periods
apply to the Manager.

Hongkong, November 26, 1892. 22

CHAS. J. GAUFF & CO.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS
VOGLANDER'S CELEBRATED
BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES,
REINHOLD LEUTH & OTHER OPTICIAENS,
ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS,
NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
Christofle & Co. ELECTRO-PLATED WARE,
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
in great variety.

DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,
Splendid Collection of the Latest London
Fashion, at very moderate prices.

Intimations.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undersigned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of
Public Business at Noon on THURSDAY,
and FRIDAY, the 15th and 16th Instant.
For the Chartered Merchant Bank of
India, London and China,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

CEYLON—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE
ASPIRENGE CO., Colorado.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—KELLY &
WALSH, LTD., Singapore.

CHINA:—MOSCOU, A. A. la Cruz, Amoy,
MOSCOW, LIMA, LIMA, CHINA,
HONGKONG, LIMA, LIMA, CHINA,
KELLY & WALSH, LTD., Singapore.

For the Bank of China, Japan, and the
Straits, Ltd., Hongkong.

S. L. DARBY,
p. Manager.

For The National Bank of China, Limited,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2179

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TRAMWAYS COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Or-
dinary General MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company
will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of
the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road
Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Inst.,
at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the General Manager with a
Statement of Accounts for the year ending
November 30th, 1892.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 21st Instant to
the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 8, 1892. 2168

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 19th to
the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATTHISON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 10, 1892. 2164

SINGING AND PIANO.

SIGNOR CATTANEO, having returned
from Europe, has pleasure in inform-
ing the Community, that he will be in a
position to RESUME TEACHING in a few
days.

Apply to
MESSRS. KELLY & WALSH,
Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2138

PERSEVERANCE LODGE,
No. 1165 E.C.

A Regular MEETING of the above
Lodge will be held in the
FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on
FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 4.30 for 5
p.m. precisely; also at 9.30 p.m. VISITING
BROTHERS are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, December 8, 1892. 2156

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE Third Annual MEETING of the
HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SO-
CIETY will be held in the CITY HALL, on
THURSDAY, 22nd December, at Noon.

Hongkong, December 8, 1892. 2157

THE HONGKONG TRADING CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING

FLOUNCE and BEAD LACES.

EVENING SILKS (LIGHT TINTS).

LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, FANS, GLOVES, ETC., ETC.

Useful Xmas Presents.

HONGKONG TRADING CO.,

1, 3, 5 & 7, D'Aguilar Street.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW GOODS.

A LARGE SELECTION OF WHITE AND STRIPE KNEELINGS AND

SEGRES.

TROPICAL TWEEDS, HOMESPUNS AND COATINGS.

TERAI HATS (ALL COLORS) AND SUN HATS.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

WATERPROOF COATS AND UMBRELLAS.

etc., etc., etc.

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W. POWELL & CO.

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!! NEW GOODS!!!

GREAT PREPARATIONS have been made for the

CHRISTMAS TRADE.

IMMENSE VARIETY! IMMENSE VARIETY!!!

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, December 10, 1892. 2166

KELLY & WALSH,
LIMITED,

HONGKONG. 2154

THE STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—SINGAPORE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim
DIVIDEND at the Rate of 5 Per
Cent. per Annum has, This Day, been
declared by the Board of Directors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from 21st December, 1892,
to 2nd January, 1893.

By Order of the Directors.

W. M. MACEWAN,
Agent,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, December 9, 1892. 2161

CHAS. J. GAUFF & CO.,

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,

Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC AND

METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS

VOGLANDER'S CELEBRATED

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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

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DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

Splendid Collection of the Latest London

Fashion, at very moderate prices.

Business Notices.

Christmas 1892!!

HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR
NEW CHRISTMAS STOCK and are now showing a splendid
COLLECTION of ARTICLES suitable for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

LEATHER GOODS, ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, TABLE
FLOWER SETS, BOOKS, LAMPS AND LAMP SHADES,
Fitted DRESSING BAGS, JEWEL CASES, Decorative
CHINA and GLASSWARE, and a Good Assortment of
NOVELTIES—all at Moderate Prices.

CHILDREN'S TOYS.

TOY BOOKS, FRENCH DOLLS, RUBBER and WOOL TOYS,

MAGIC LANTERNS, American TOYS, German
TOYS, English TOYS, French TOYS.

CHRISTMAS DELAQUES.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS, FLAGS & BANNERS.

CONFETIONERY.

NEW SEASON'S PUDDING and DESSERT FRUITS,

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX; ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

TO-MORROW, the 14th of December, 1892, at noon, the Company's Steamship *NATHA*, Commandant Varano, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London, as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal ports of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 13th December, 1892. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. D. CHAMPAUX
Agent.
Hongkong, December 13, 1892. 2100

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Gaelic.....Tuesday, Dec. 20.
Belgic v. Honolulu.....Thursday, Jan. 19/93.
Oceanic.....Thursday, Feb. 9/93.
The Steamer *Gaelic* will be dispatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 20th December, at 1 p.m., connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

From Hongkong, First Class.
To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O.\$225.00
To Paris and London\$325.00
To Paris and Bremen\$345.00
To Havre and Hamburg\$355.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND CITIES, FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION.	50 days.	Continuous TRIP.
Kansas City, Mo., Omaha, Neb.	285.00	291.00
St. Paul, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn.	292.50	299.00
Chicago, Ill.	297.50	295.00
Milwaukee, Wis.	299.50	295.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	302.50	301.50
Columbus, Ohio	304.50	304.50
Detroit, Mich.	306.50	305.00
Cleveland, Ohio	308.50	307.50
Toronto, Canada	310.50	307.50
Pittsburg, Penn.	310.50	307.50
Niagara Falls, N.Y. But.	310.00	308.00
Ialo, N.Y. But.	317.00	311.75
Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md.	319.75	313.00
Montreal, Canada	319.75	312.50
Philadelphia, Penn.	319.75	312.50
New York	319.75	315.00
Boston, Mass.	321.15	317.00
Portland, Maine	327.25	317.00

All the above Rates are in Mexican Dollars.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Tickets issued to Passengers booking to Europe or to Overland Points, are good for transportation across the American Continent via the Union Pacific Railway System only.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Prepaid return tickets to San Francisco will be issued at following rates:—

4 months\$337.50
12 months\$393.75

Time is reckoned from date of issue to date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.

Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be allowed a discount of 10%. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full, and same will be received by the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Commercial Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Central Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 2, 1892. 2115

WINDSOR HOTEL,
(in Connaught Building),
Queen's Road, HONGKONG.

THE Private Hotel heretofore carried on in WINDSOR HOUSE has now been removed to CONNAUGHT HOUSE. Cuisine under European management. Each Bed-room has its own Bath-room, Hot and Cold water. Passenger Elevator to all floors.

Charges from \$2 per day upwards.

Special Rates for Families or Permanent Boarders. Offices and Rooms to let. Unfurnished, and Rooms with or without Board, by day or month. Apply at the Office, No. 37, 3rd Floor.

Hongkong, August 23, 1892.

To Let.

TO LET.

THE BUNGALOW at ROBINSON ROAD, lately occupied by the late Captain HOWEINS, is now available.

THE LARGE GODOWNS Nos. 23a and 23b, PRAYA CENTRAL, One GODOWN No. 117 PRAYA EAST at BOWLINGTON.

Apply to VICTORIA HOTEL.

Hongkong, December 3, 1892. 2122

TO LET.

NO. 2, SEVENOUR TERRACE, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD (lately occupied by ATTACK).

OFFICES in No. 4, PRAYA CENTRAL (lately occupied by MESSRS. GILMAN & CO.).

No. 3, PEDDER'S HILL.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, November 10, 1892. 2116

TO LET.

NO. 2, PEDDER'S STREET, next to the Post Office—suitable for OFFICES or CHAMBERS. Has small GODOWN attached.

Entry on or after February 8th.

Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, December 2, 1892. 2108

NOTICE.

FOR OFFICES and/or CHAMBERS on the Ground and First Floors of the HOTEL, facing QUEEN'S ROAD and PEDDER STREET. With immediate entry if required.

For particulars, apply to

R. LYALL,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 8, 1892. 2163

TO LET.

NEW HOUSES in RIFON TERRACE, Bonham Road, near Breezy Point.

No. 4, BLUE BUILDINGS.

FLOORS, BLUE BUILDINGS.

OFFICES—SECOND FLOOR, PRAYA CENTRAL.

BY DUNN, MILROY & CO.

GODOWNS (under Messrs. DOUGLAS LARSON & CO.'s Office).

SWATOW, No. 1a, BLUE BUILDINGS.

SUITED ATTACHED HOUSES, at MAGAZINE ROAD.

Very cheap rental.

FIRST FLOOR, No. 22, ELGIN STREET.

NO. 4, 5 and 6, VICTORIA VIEW, Kowloon.

FLOORS, NO. 5, SHELLY STREET.

NO. 7, PRAYA CENTRAL, at present occupied by the NEW ORIENTAL BANK in LIQUIDATION.

NO. 10, OLD BAILEY.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, December 6, 1892. 2033

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

THE Consignees of the undermentioned Goods shipped in London by the *SS. N. S. Natai* are requested to take immediate delivery.

P.O. 2/3—2 CASES OPUM.

G. DE CHAMPAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, December 8, 1892. 2159

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Opum* having arrived at the above Ports, Consignees of Goods are hereby informed that their Goods are now landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 20th Inst., or they will not be received.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods will be examined on the 14th Inst., at 4 o'clock p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before 3 p.m. on the 20th Inst.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

Miss Robinson has kindly undertaken to get up the Ladies' Purse for the forthcoming Bequia. It is hoped that Lady Robinson will consent to present the prizes.

The *Courrier d'Haiphong* states that M. de Lemesan, Governor-General of Cochinchina, who arrived here this morning by the *Mesageries Maritimes* steamer *Hai-phong*, en route for Saigon. In the meanwhile he will pay a visit to the Vice-roy at Canton, to discuss certain matters relating to the frontier.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—

Young Fiu	.....	\$15
Kwong Yung Tai	.....	15
Woo Kee Company	.....	10
Woo Seng	.....	10
Ming Kee Ho	.....	5
Kwong Tong Yuen	.....	5
Kwong Soon	.....	5
Kin Nam	.....	5
Fook Sang Wo	.....	5
Sun Chan Cheong	.....	5
Kwong Ying Cheong	.....	5
Kwong Cheong Ho	.....	5
Kwong Looi Tai	.....	5
Tai Chan	.....	5
Yip On	.....	5
Fook Wo Hong	.....	5
Kwong Hang Cheong	.....	5
Matting Chan	.....	5
Lai Hung	.....	3
Mow Yip Cheong	.....	3
Cheong Shing	.....	3
Yuen Sing	.....	3
Hock Cheong	.....	3
Kwong Nam Sang	.....	3
Yuet Wo	.....	3
Ching Loeng	.....	3
Fook Lee	.....	3
Chiu Loeng	.....	3
Tang Kam Chee	.....	3
Soy Fook	.....	3
Seng On Cheong	.....	3
In smaller sums	.....	37

Tea Chao-ko correspondent of the Shanghai Mercury writes under date Nov. 29:—The military authorities began road making eight days ago, but a northerly gale, with heavy rain and then snow, put a stop to their operations. I am informed that they purpose making good military roads as far as Wei-hai in the East, and Tsing-tau, the capital of the province, in the West. Also, that it is proposed to put a light draught steamer of some kind on the Hwang-ho, to run between Tiger Head and the coast, and Tsing-tau. This—if accomplished—will greatly facilitate trade, especially in winter. But Foreign shipping will not be much benefited by it, as the goods brought from the interior will be transhipped at Tientsin, Head, and Kweichow, which are the principal ports of the C.M.S.N. Co. We can blame the Chinese for trying to drive Foreigners out of the market? I am no business man, but it seems to me if Foreign traders would combine, and play into each other's hands as the Native do, they would have a far better chance of keeping hold of Chinese trade than they appear to have now. Too cold to write more.

It is no new thing to hear of the close connection between indulgence in alcohol and the development of insanity. Accordingly we feel no surprise at a statement by Dr. Auguste Pflueger that a large proportion of the cases of lunacy registered in Paris of late years are attributable to this form of excess. Far more significant is his observation that drunkenness has increased very markedly in the French capital. This effect is, of course, due to a variety of causes. Among these one is of particular interest from its bearing upon the neurological aspect of the alcoholical delirium. It is the pleasure and worry of overwork, probably combined with the like circumstances with irregular feeding and want of sleep. Though felt by all classes of workers, an important characteristic of its effect as a cause of alcoholism is its increasing influence among those who labour with their brains. Artists, authors, and especially journalists—a group of persons by no means usually given to excess—are amerced as having succumbed to the subtle poison; and this result has, doubtless with truth, been attributed to the craving depression of mental fatigue. It is not difficult, indeed, to trace a connection here, and we may accept it as a warning that forced labour is ever prone to become the natural parent of all sorts of worse excesses. The best way, however, is always methodical enough to permit of timely rest and of regular nutrition, and the full recognition of this fact is a mere question of public utility which we hope to see more and more widely admitted in practice.—Lance.

A CORRESPONDENT in the *Times* on the subject of square-breaking by the *Sou-dan* is thus reviewed in the *Broad Arrow*:—The correspondence in the *Times* on the subject of Broken Squares may not have been productive of any particular result, but it has, at least, at a point of high interest, and as far as it has had the merit of being confined to the point, whether or not the *Times* correspondent at the French manœuvres—not to speak of Mr. Rudyard Kipling—was right in assuming that British squares have been broken by "india-rubber idiots" and "big, black, bounding beggars" of the "Fuzzy-Wuzzy" order of humanity, is indeed rather a delicate point as regards the action at Tsim-tau, one of the two instances upon which the theory of broken British squares permanently rests. "Quadratics" contention that it, as officially reported, the front face of the square made a charge at the moment of attack, the square then ceased to be a square, and so on, is, I think, unacceptable, if not even absurd. The *Arrow* quotes, on the other hand, as an undisputed fact that a British square is usually understood by the term "British square," i.e. a formed in-fantry square. The term "amalgamated honk-poi" used by "Quadratics" is, I think, pretty accurate, seeing that, as he says, the "squares" formation, such as it was, was made up of a proportion of 550 infantry to 350 cavalry. But the "phon-hoi" is needless hair-splitting. The most satisfactory outcome of the argument, as seems to be the axiom that square or no square, pure infantry or amalgam, the conduct of the British soldier on both the occasions quoted constituted a brilliant page of English military history. And as to the exact definition of what it was that was thrown into temporary confusion in both these instances, we would, I think, be compelled to say, out of respect to the dead, "Died, Fuzzy-Wuzzy," whose fate we are to consider. British square-breaker, it seems hard, after this lesson of time, to seriously dispute.

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The London correspondent of the *Liverpool Post* writes:—Her Majesty, it is well known, has for some time been a student of Hinduism. Her tutor is a native gentleman, who has another interesting pupil in the head of the Mahomedan faith. According to his testimony, the Queen, in her facility for acquiring the language, far outstrips the Sultan. Her Majesty, though coming late in life to the study, takes keenly fresh interest in it, and delights in communicating with her India servants in their native language. Her contribution to the *Strand Magazine*, to appear in its Christmas number, will consist of a translation into Hindustani of two letters. One was written some time ago by her Majesty to the Shah; the other is the usual address to the Indian people, posted shortly after the death of the Duke of Clarence.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospital:—

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PRESENTATION TO MR. JAMES SAMSON.

This evening, Mr. James Sampson, surveyor, was made the recipient of a presentation from his Clubmates in the Victoria Recreation Club on the occasion of his leaving the Colony to proceed to Cape Colony.

Hon. J. H. Stewart-Lockhart presided, and there was a good attendance of members.

The Chairman, in making the presentation, said there had been a generally expressed wish on the part of the members of the Victoria Recreation Club that some memento should be given. Mr. Sampson of his long connection with and many services to the Club. As it had just become known that Mr. Sampson was leaving by the French Mail steamer tomorrow, the matter had to be arranged very hurriedly, but the presence of so many members testifies to the respect in which

Mr. Sampson was held by the members, young and old alike (applause). Nobody was perhaps better known in connection with rowing masters in the Colony for the last ten years than Mr. Sampson. He was a most successful oar having stroked to victory crews in all the chief races at Regattas, and when he gave up for some years taking his place in the boat he was always ready to give his services to the Regattas and Aquatic Sports. He was the only member of the Club who had almost literally died and come to life again; for while he was in Borneo a report reached the Colony that he was dead and the Club, ready to show their respect to his memory, had the flag half-masted. Obituary notices of

a most interesting description appeared in the local newspapers at the time, so that he had an opportunity, given to few, of seeing how he would be regarded after his death (laughter). They trusted such an event was a long way off, but that Mr. Sampson would have good health and long life in his new sphere (applause). They would miss him in many ways, and many were losing a good and sterling friend. All the members would long remember his kindly geniality and many good services to the Club which they hoped he would revisit some days after he had finished his professional career in the Dark Continent (loud applause).

On the call of the Chairman three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Sampson, who made feeling acknowledgement of the recognition of the members and spoke of the pleasure it had given him to work for the welfare of young rowers and for the good of the Club.

DEATHS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN.—A Gentleman who cured himself of Deafness and Noises in the Head of 14 years standing by a new method, will please to send full particulars, three firkins of *Ambergris*, 6s. Sheepskin, Keatington Park, London, S.E. Eng.

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HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

The presentation of a new programme attracted a large number of visitors to Harmston's Circus last night, in spite of the somewhat bleak weather. The number of novelties introduced in the performance gives some indication of the extent of the resources which the Harmstons have at their command, and also gives further proof of the all-round talent of the large company of performers. The change in the bill of fare was complete, no item of last week's programme being repeated, and the success with which the performance was attended was even more pronounced than before. The wonderful exhibition on the double trapze by Amella and Johnnie Feoley is in itself a thing well worth going to see. The cheering with which those very youthful and exceedingly clever gymnasts were greeted when they descended from the giddy height at which they had been performing feats of the most daring and difficult kind was such a tribute of admiration as but few performers can command. The other novelties of the *Feoley Family* also appeared in the most astounding feats. The "Grand Ladder and Sticks for Life" act, by Miss Adeline and Dan Feoley, is another display of remarkable skill and daring and laughable as the "Comics Stilts" act by Tony and Dan Feoley is, one feels quite as much inclined to wonder at the cleverness with which it is performed as to join in the mirth which it creates. Miss Feoley appears as "The Bounding Jockey" and the skill and grace with which the dashing equestrienne performed the part last night won her a double recall. On her second appearance she delighted the audience with a charming dance. Mr. George Hartman does wonders with the highly-trained trick horses "Bangalore" and scores a direct success as the "Impressive Equestrian" who entitled "The Galloper." There was a display of French walking in which the acrobats of the company are led by Dan Feoley and Gilberto, who had combined with some double somersaults throwing the minkes as compensation for the rope with the electric string which produced a failure, although the minkes were not to blame. The *General Managers* are to be held on the 21st inst.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders of the above company at the eighth ordinary general meeting, to be held on the 21st inst.

The General Managers beg to lay before Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1892.

The total receipts for the twelve months, including \$64,000 transfer fees, amount to \$24,661.28. After paying interest and all running expenses and making provision for auditor's fees, there remain a net profit on the year's working of \$8,584.47, and \$7,32 representing the net profit for 1891, 1892, and 1893 respectively, gives a sum of \$20,900 for appropriation for 1894.

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